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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 19, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider the captioned application in view of the amendments and remarks to follow.

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.